



# Clark County Regional Support Network Policy Statement

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**Policy No.:** CM11  
**Policy Title:** Functional Assessment - Adults  
**Effective Date:** September 1, 2001

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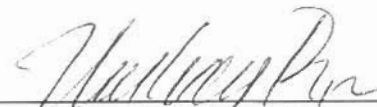
**Policy:** CCRSN contracted providers shall use specified level of functioning tools in order to assure medical necessity for service authorization and to facilitate quality improvement activities across the PIHP. Functional assessment tools shall be reviewed, discussed and recommended by the Quality Management committee. Tools that are adopted shall be scientifically valid and reliable and generally accepted in community mental health practice.

**Reference:** WAC 388-865, Washington Mental Health Division RSN contract, Clark County Provider Contract Agreement

**Procedure:**

1. Providers shall enlist the participation of out-patient consumers in the Telesage Consumer Outcome Survey according to the following administration schedule:
  - a) Within 30 days of intake
  - b) Within 3 months of the intake assessment
  - c) Within 6 months of the intake assessment
  - d) Every 6 months thereafter

Crisis and hospital alternative consumers are exempt from the survey.
2. Mental health professionals shall complete a Global Assessment of Functioning as part of a DSM-IV diagnosis at intake and at any time a consumer's psychiatric diagnosis is changed.

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